

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Amend claims 5, 11, 16, 17, and 20, as follows.

Listing of Claims:

1 1. **(Original)** A signal-to-text conversion gateway comprising:
2 a receiver that receives signals from a source;
3 a converter that converts some received said signals into a change of a
4 current conversion mode of the converter, and converts other received said
5 signals into a first or a second type of characters depending on the current
6 conversion mode of the converter; and
7 a transmitter that transmits the characters to a destination;
8 the converter being responsive to a signal received from the destination by
9 changing the converter's said current conversion mode for converting the signals
10 received from the source.

1 2. **(Original)** The gateway of claim 1 wherein:
2 the signals received from the source comprise teletype tones;
3 the first type of characters comprises letters; and
4 the second type of characters comprises figures.

1 3. **(Original)** A method of converting signals into text, comprising:
2 receiving signals from a source;
3 converting some received signals into a change of a current conversion
4 mode;
5 converting other received signals into a first or a second type of
6 characters, depending on the current conversion mode;
7 transmitting the characters to a destination; and
8 in response to receiving a signal from the destination, changing the
9 current conversion mode for converting the signals received from the source.

1 4. **(Original)** The method of claim 3 wherein:
2 the signals received from the source comprise teletype tones;
3 the first type of characters comprises letters; and
4 the second type of characters comprises figures.

1 5. **(Currently amended)** An end-user device comprising:
2 a receiver that receives a first type or a second type of characters,
3 wherein characters of both of said types are representable by same signals;
4 a presenting device that presents the received characters to a user; and
5 a converter that responds to a signal by converting each received
6 character of the received one of the first and the second type of characters into a
7 character of the other of the first and the second type of characters that is
8 representable by the same signals as the received character, and causes the
9 presenting device to present to the user the converted characters instead of the
10 received characters.

1 6. **(Original)** The end-user device of claim 5 wherein:
2 the first type of characters comprises letters;
3 the second type of characters comprises figures; and
4 the converter converts letters having teletype signal representations into
5 figures having same said teletype signal representations, and vice versa.

1 7. **(Original)** The end-user device of claim 6 wherein:
2 the converter receives the signal from the user.

1 8. **(Original)** The end-user device of claim 7 wherein:
2 the user generates the signal upon being presented with a nonsensical
3 sequence of characters.

1 9. **(Original)** The end-user device of claim 6 wherein:
2 the signal is generated automatically by the end-user device.

1 10. **(Original)** The end-user device of claim 9 wherein:
2 the end-user device generates the signal in response to analyzing a
3 sequence of the presented characters and determining that the analyzed
4 character sequence is nonsensical.

1 11. **(Currently amended)**A method of operating an end-user device
2 comprising:
3 receiving a first type or a second type of characters, wherein characters of
4 both of said types are representable by same signals;
5 presenting the received characters to a user;
6 in response to receiving a signal, converting each received character of
7 the received one of the first and the second type of characters into a character of
8 the other of the first and the second type of characters that is representable by
9 the same signals as the received character; and
10 presenting the converted characters to the user instead of the received
11 characters.

1 12. **(Original)** The method of claim 11 wherein:
2 the first type of characters comprises letters;
3 the second type of characters comprises figures; and
4 converting comprises
5 converting letters having teletype signal representations into figures
6 having same said teletype signal representations, and vice versa.

1 13. **(Original)** The method of claim 12 wherein:
2 converting comprises
3 receiving the signal from the user.

1 14. **(Original)** The method of claim 13 further comprising:
2 the user being presented with a nonsensical sequence of characters; and
3 in response, the user initiating the signal.

1 15. **(Original)** The method of claim 12 wherein:
2 converting comprises
3 the end-user device automatically generating the signal.

1 16. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 15 wherein:
2 generating the signal comprises
3 ~~the end-user device analyzing a sequence of the received characters; and~~
4 the end-user device analyzing a sequence of the received characters; and
5 in response to determining that the analyzed character sequence is
6 nonsensical, the end-user device generating the signal.

1 17. **(Currently amended)** An end-user device comprising:
2 a receiver that receives a first type or a second type of characters that are
3 both representable by same first signals from a ~~converter~~ signal-to-text
4 conversion gateway that is separate from the end-user device and that converts
5 the first signals into the first or the second type of characters, depending on a
6 current conversion mode of the ~~converter~~ gateway:
7 a presenting device that presents the received characters to a user; and
8 a transmitter that responds to input from the user by transmitting a second
9 signal to the ~~converter~~ gateway that causes the ~~converter~~ gateway to change the
10 ~~converter's~~ gateway's said current conversion mode for converting the first
11 signals.

1 18. **(Original)** The device of claim 17 wherein:
2 the first signals comprise teletype tones;

3 the first type of characters comprises letters; and
4 the second type of characters comprises figures.

1 19. **(Original)** The device of claim 18 wherein:
2 the user generates the input in response to being presented with a
3 nonsensical sequence of characters.

1 20. **(Currently amended)**A method of operating an end-user device
2 comprising:
3 receiving a first type or a second type of characters that are both
4 representable by same first signals from a ~~converter~~ signal-to-text conversion
5 gateway that is separate from the end-user device and that converts first signals
6 into the first or the second type of characters, depending on a current conversion
7 mode of the ~~converter~~ gateway;
8 presenting the received characters to a user;
9 in response to input from the user, transmitting a second signal to the
10 ~~converter~~ gateway that causes the ~~converter~~ gateway to change the ~~converter's~~
11 gateway's said current conversion mode for converting the first signals.

1 21. **(Original)** The method of claim 20 wherein:
2 the first signals comprise teletype tones;
3 the first type of characters comprises letters; and
4 the second type of characters comprises figures.

1 22. **(Original)** The method of claim 21 further comprising:
2 the user generating the input in response to being presented with a nonsensical
3 sequence of characters.